

Request for Legislation to Label Genetically Engineered Foods

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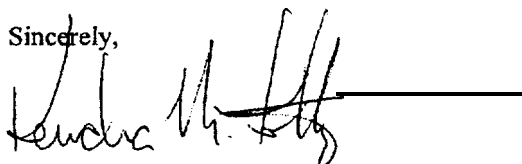
Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to ask that you support the labeling of genetically modified foods. From what I have read regarding the topic, I am not convinced of the safety of these foods for human (or animal) consumption. At present, I prefer to eat foods that have not been genetically modified and believe it is my right to know what is in the foods I eat.

I am also not convinced of the safety of the presence of genetically modified foods in the environment. But, if consumers are allowed to choose between genetically modified and unmodified foods, the presence of such altered plants in the environment will no longer be an issue. Given the choice, I think that most Americans would prefer foods that have not been genetically manipulated. The agribusinesses that use such techniques know this fact. This is the main reason why they are against the labeling of genetically modified foods. They would quickly realize that the increase in production costs for separating genetically modified foods from unmodified foods is not fiscally feasible, especially when consumers are allowed to choose the food they wish to eat - natural, unmodified produce and foodstuffs made with unmodified ingredients.

Please, Mr. President, side with the American people on this issue. Our health may be at risk, and our health is one of the most precious things we have. Call for more research on genetically modified foods and their effects on the environment and our health. There is a dearth of unbiased research on this topic. Until we fully understand the impacts of genetically modified foods, the consumer should be given the choice to ingest, or not to ingest these experimental foodstuffs.

Sincerely,



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